

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 October 2011 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs A Browne, E Grant, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

Inspector Shooter attended the meeting to address the Parish Council's concerns regarding policing in Grassmoor and also to update the Parish Council on crimes and anti-social behaviour which had occurred since the last meeting. There had been 15 crimes reported which compared to 12 in September. There had been 1 of criminal damage, 3 of theft, 5 of theft from a motor vehicle, 1 of non-dwelling burglary, 1 of violence, 1 of fraud and forgery, 1 attempted burglary, 1 burglary and 1 of distraction burglary.

There had been 8 calls relating to nuisance and disorder which compared to 7 the previous month. This included several neighbour nuisance reports and stones thrown at windows incidents on Wingerworth Terrace.

Issues relating to stones being thrown at trains had been reported although these were likely to be dealt with by the Transport Police. It was noted that there had been several issues relating to the former Avenue site, although it was considered that the site security should be improved.

Inspector Shooter reported that PCSO Land's area of responsibility had not changed although the shift rota had been altered to save money. The majority of shifts were day time shifts as late shifts were more costly. This was causing issues for the Division which had been raised at Force level. PCSO Land had expressed a wish to extend his hours in to the evening. Whilst this may not be possible on a permanent basis, Inspector Shooter had authorised 30 hours of overtime for PCSO Land and PC Allcock to address the issues currently being faced in Grassmoor. The overall Police levels had reduced with 5 officers being lost from the SNT in recent weeks. It was noted that calls for service in the Parish were not out of the ordinary when compared to other parishes.

Inspector Shooter agreed to locate the Mobile Police Station at appropriate points in the village as resources permitted. It was noted that there was to be a Police Consultation event for the District on 21 November.

1470. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, B Garbutt and K Hemsley.

1471. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms E A Hill declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 1475 refers). Councillor Mrs J Bedford declared a personal interest in the item relating to Gill Lane Allotments (Minute no. 1479 refers). Councillor E Grant declared a personal interest in the item relating to the request for a dog bin and litter bin on Gill Lane (Minute no. 1484 refers).

1472. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 September 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1473. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

1474. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that Natascha Engel MP was hosting a Coffee Morning on 22 October between 9.30am and 11.00am at the Methodist Chapel.

1475. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

There were no matters relating to the Community Centre to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1476. BARNES PARK

A site meeting had been held to discuss the use of the £8,750 Section 106 funding which had to be spent on "works to improve play facilities in Barnes Park" by August 2014. It was noted that Virrador were actively seeking projects in North East Derbyshire and the Section 106 funding could be used to match this with possible funding from the Parish Council to fund either a larger scale project in the Park or a possible series of smaller scale projects. The roundabout in the play area was in need of replacement and this could be included as a use for the funding and the District Council had agreed to provide some examples and costings. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the Derbyshire Environmental Trust with regard to funding and possible projects in the Park.

Arising from the site visit, it had been noted that there was a lack of litter bins particularly near the play equipment. The District Council indicated that they had bins

that had been used successfully in other Parks without damage and it was agreed that a bin be purchased at a cost of approximately £250.00.

It was reported that the resident of Durham Avenue who had complained about the smell from a Parish Council dog bin situated adjacent to his garden, had reported the problem to the Environmental Health Department at the District Council. No correspondence had been received however. The Clerk agreed to contact the Environmental Health Department prior to considering the matter at the next meeting. The District Council had provided a small number of adhesive Dog Fouling signs which it was agreed could be put up on the Pavilion. It was noted that the dog bin was in poor condition and it was agreed that a new bin should be provided in the sum of £289.57.

It was reported that complaints had been received regarding the bad language used by the football teams using Barnes Park. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with the Football Club.

Graffiti had been daubed on the Pavilion and the Streetcleaner had been unable to remove it with the Parish Council's removal kit. The Clerk had asked the District Council to remove it.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk talk to the Derbyshire Environmental Trust regarding funding for possible projects in Park related to the use of the Section 106 funding;
(c) the Clerk write to the Football Club regarding the bad language used during matches in the Park;
(d) a new litter bin for the Park be purchased at a cost of £250.00;
(e) a replacement dog bin be purchased to replace the existing bin near the Durham Avenue entrance to the Park; and
(f) the actions of the Clerk in arranging for the District Council to remove the graffiti from the Pavilion be approved.

1477. CCTV

The Clerk reported that Advance had only recently managed to get in touch with the tenant of 50 Tennyson Way and a meeting had been arranged for 12 October to sort out the works.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1478. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported on the funding arrangements proposed by the Association and also on the proposed lease. A copy of a lease for the allotments had been circulated for information. It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next meeting. The Allotment Secretary had visited the composting toilet on Penmore Allotments.

A letter of complaint had been received regarding the hedging along the North Wingfield Road boundary which had not yet been cut back despite requests to do so.

A child had suffered a scratch to the face. The Clerk was asked to advise the Association that the Parish Council viewed this matter very seriously and that failure to cut back the hedge may jeopardise the proposed lease.

The Clerk reported that the Best Kept Allotments plaques had been amended at no additional charge.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk write to the Allotment Association indicating that the issue of a lease may be jeopardised by the failure to cut back the boundary hedging; and
(c) the consideration of a lease for the allotments be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

1479. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillors Barlow and Garbutt had visited the Allotments and photographs of the site were circulated. It was noted that no details had been received from the Allotment Secretary regarding the number of plots and plot holders. The Association paid £20.00 rent per annum. Members of the Parish Council felt that this charge needed to be reviewed. The Clerk agreed to investigate further.

It was noted that there had been very little change since the last visit to the site with the majority of the plots used for keeping livestock rather than being cultivated. It was felt that better use could be made of the land if they were better laid out. In addition, it was also considered that Gill Lane Allotments could be used to give allotments to some of those on the Mill Lane Allotment waiting list.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk investigate the position of the level of the rent paid by the Association.

1480. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was understood that the meeting held on 22 September to discuss the outstanding issues had been successful although this had not been confirmed in writing. The Clerk agreed to seek a formal response from the County Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk seek a formal response from the County Council regarding the situation with the Lagoons.

1481. GRASSMOOR COUNTRY PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held on 5 October with representatives of the County Council's Countryside Service and the District Council to discuss further the Parish Council's expression of interest in a longer-term project to develop facilities in the Country Park which had arisen out of the recommendations of the Parish Plan.

Following the expression of interest, the County Council had indicated that a multi-purpose area at the Corbriggs end of the Park may be a possibility it would consider supporting. The area could include provision for a community café, cycle hire and

disabled buggy hire and would link in to the popular cycle route. The facilities could also incorporate a sports pavilion and football and cricket pitches. The project would potentially be able to be linked to the Lagoons reclamation in respect of the ground works required.

The meeting also considered the original but separate shorter-term project established by Leader Funding Group which proposed a series of improvements to the Park including improved entrances, a community events area, resurfaced footpaths, improved seating, a trim trail and public art displays. Whilst Leader funding had now ceased, it was felt that there were sufficient alternative sources of funding to make the project feasible. As a first step in developing this project, a public consultation exercise would need to be undertaken which it was suggested the Parish Council facilitate.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Parish Council undertake a consultation exercise in conjunction with the District Council in respect of the Leader project proposals.

1482. PARISH PLAN

There were no matters relating to the Parish Plan to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1483. HASLAND CEMETERY

It was agreed that the Parish Council should formally look in to the renaming of the Hasland Cemetery.

RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate the process and potential costs of renaming the Cemetery.

1484. REQUEST FOR DOG BIN AND LITTER BIN – GILL LANE

A request had been received for the Parish Council to provide a dog bin and litter bin on Gill Lane. The cost of providing a litter bin was £73.67 with no service charge and the cost of a dog bin was £289.57 with a £3.13 charge per emptying.

It was noted that it was not Parish Council policy to provide litter bins on the highway as these were provided by North East Derbyshire District Council. It was also not the usual policy to provide dog bins on private roads, but an exception was agreed in this case as Gill Lane was a well used public right of way.

RESOLVED that (a) the request for a litter bin be not acceded to; and
(b) the Parish Council purchase a dog bin for Gill Lane at a cost of £289.57.

1485. GRIT BINS

The Clerk reported that the County Council could not identify a suitable location for a grit bin on Brackenfield Close. The County Council had been asked if the bin could be located closer to the junction with Birkin Lane.

It was reported that the grit bin on Vernon Rise was broken.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1486. HANGING BASKETS

The Clerk reported that he had not to date, received a response from Plantscape.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1487. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 13 NOVEMBER 2011

The Clerk reported that the arrangements were in hand for the Remembrance Sunday Service which was to be held on 13 November. Matt McGregor was unavailable to play the Last Post this year but a replacement had been found. The fee paid was £40.00. The marquee had been ordered from Buster Marquees and the Clerk would arrange for two wreaths to be purchased. Reverend Magee would be conducting the Service this year.

RESOLVED that (a) the arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service be noted;

(b) the Clerk to order two wreaths;

(c) the Clerk be authorised to pay the bugler £40.00; and

(d) the Clerk place an order with Buster Marquees for a marquee for the Service.

1488. DISTRICT/PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the Liaison Committee be asked to provide a general overview of the Localism Bill, but also to look in more detail at the planning aspects of the Bill.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1489. REVIEW OF SEX ESTABLISHMENT POLICY

The Parish Council had no comments to make on the draft policy.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1490. PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the following planning matters received since the last meeting;

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
11/00694/FLH 7 Birkin Lane West Miss C Dale	Erection of single storey side extension	The District Council had approved this application.
11/00278/DISCON 5 Mile Hill Mansfield Road. Mr J Thompson	Certificate of Lawful Existing Use of Land	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

The Clerk reported that a site visit was to be held on 19 October 11/00309/FLH at Stable Cottage, Hazlehurst seeking to raise the height of an existing wall from 1.8m to 2.4m.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1491. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 38/11, 39/11, 40/11, 41/11 and 42/11.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1492. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk presented the accounts due for payment and it was agreed that cheques be signed as detailed below.

RESOLVED that approval be given for the payment of the following accounts:-

<u>CHQ NO.</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SO	R. Ackrill (Salary - Oct)	£ 509.67
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Oct)	£ 538.17
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Oct)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Oct)	£ 23.00
DD	M Earrye (Broadband)	£ 157.71
2710	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 688.79
2711	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding)	£ 1454.19
2712	NEDDC (Trade Waste)	£ 176.80

2713	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Council Room Hire)	£	32.50
2714	Grassmoor Community Centre (Working Communities Project)	£	72.00
2715	Grassmoor Primary School (Playground Project)	£	500.00
2716	S Mitchell (Gill Lane Gate Repairs)	£	150.00
2717	NEDDC (Swing Repairs)	£	288.00
2718	Petty Cash	£	100.00
2719	Clay Cross 50+ Forum (Donation)	£	300.00

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Chairman